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FMC – notice to passengers re Hurricane Matthew



The Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) issued a **news release** stating that some cruise lines calling at East Coast ports have announced itinerary changes and cancellations due to Hurricane Matthew. Passengers should stay in contact with their cruise line and carefully read their ticket contracts. (10/7/16)

[http://www.fmc.gov/notice_to_passengers__hurricane_matthew/].

FERC – Dynege Estero Bay Wave Park



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued a notice stating that Dynege Estero Bay Wave Park, LLC has requested that its preliminary permit for a wave energy project in coastal waters off the coast of San Luis Obispo County, California be terminated. The preliminary permit will remain in effect until 3 November. **81 Fed. Reg. 70108** (10/11/16)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-11/pdf/2016-24475.pdf>].

NOAA – Pacific bluefin tuna



The National oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice announcing a 90-day finding on a petition to list the Pacific bluefin tuna as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Comments must be received by 12 December. **81 Fed. Reg. 70074** (10/11/16)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-11/pdf/2016-24477.pdf>].

NOAA – marine mammal stock assessment



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issued a notice stating that it has prepared the draft 2016 Marine Mammal Stock Assessment Reports. Comments on the draft reports must be received by 9 January 2017. **81 Fed. Reg. 70097** (10/11/16)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-11/pdf/2016-24404.pdf>].

Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group – work plan



The Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group, sponsored by the Department of Transportation (DOT), seeks comments on draft **Work Plan**. Comments should be received by 20 October. The Working Group will meet in Washington, DC on 18 November. **81 Fed. Reg. 70273** (10/11/16) [<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2016-10-11/pdf/2016-24446.pdf>].

Court – willful concealment of pre-existing condition



In an unpublished decision, the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the district court grant of summary judgment to petitioner maritime employer that it is not obligated to pay maintenance and cure to respondent employee due to his willful concealment of a pre-existing medical condition that would have prevented his employment had it been disclosed on the pre-hiring medical questionnaire. **Coastal Villages Pollock v. Naufahu**, No. 14-35353 (9th Cir., October 6, 2016) [<http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/memoranda/2016/10/06/14-35353.pdf>].

EC – European Border and Coast Guard



The European Commission (EC) issued a **press release** stating that the European Border and Coast Guard became operational on 6 October. (10/6/16) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_AGENDA-16-3267_en.htm].

ReCAAP – 65% decrease in incidents



The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre issued a **report** stating that, during the period January-September 2016, three incidents of piracy and 56 incidents of armed robbery against ships were reported in Asian waters. This represents a 65% decrease compared to 2015. (10/7/16) [http://www.recaap.org/DesktopModules/Bring2mind/DMX/Download.aspx?Command=Core_Download&EntryId=459&PortalId=0&TabId=78].

Arctic Council – environmental protection & sustainable development



The Arctic Council issued a **news release** stating that its eight Member States and six indigenous Permanent Participant organizations recently met in Portland, Maine to advance environmental protection and sustainable

development in the Arctic. (10/6/16) [<http://www.arctic-council.org/index.php/en/our-work2/8-news-and-events/425-sao-oct-2016-post-release>].

India – MLC 2006 enters into force



The Indian Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) issued a **notice** stating that the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006 has entered into force for India. (10/10/16)

[http://dgshipping.gov.in/WriteReadData/News/201610100527462304234ms_notices_10of2016.pdf].

Panama Canal – September operations



The Panama Canal Authority (ACP) issued an advisory summarizing Canal operations in September. It also includes the schedule of locks maintenance outages for the remainder of the fiscal year. **Advisory 52-2016** (10/7/16) [<https://www.pancanal.com/common/maritime/advisories/2016/a-52-2016.pdf>].

Singapore – harmonized LNG bunkering standards



The Singapore Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) issued a **news release** stating that a network of ports and maritime authorities in Asia, Europe, and North America have agreed to work toward establishment of harmonized LNG bunkering standards. (10/6/16)

[<http://www.mpa.gov.sg/web/portal/home/media-centre/news-releases/detail/66062529-1802-42a0-b355-8248864bd8ad>].

USCG – Pea Island LSS



On 11 October 1896, the all-black crew of the **Pea Island Life-Saving Station**, on the Outer Banks for North Carolina, conducted a heroic rescue after the schooner E.S. Newman grounded during a severe storm. The station was considered such arduous duty that the US Life-Saving Service (a predecessor of the US Coast Guard) could not keep it adequately manned. In 1880, the USLSS appointed Richard Etheridge, a former slave and a Union Army veteran, as station keeper. The station became the first with an all-black crew. The crew performed at a very high level until the station was disestablished in 1947. In 1996, the Coast Guard awarded the Gold Life-Saving Medal posthumously to Richard Etheridge and the 1896 crew.

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